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An April Trip Which Ended in a Hospital.

On one of the beautiful spring days of this month—Easter Monday it was—when the sun shone so provokingly bright, and the seductive flower odor of Easter Sunday still pervading the air, conspiring to make one restive under the confinement of our city home, we suddenly threw down our work, declaring that brick and stones should be left for one day at least, and that we should like our city-steeped selves into purer climes. A remembered invitation of long standing loomed up before us, and suitless action to the word, a telegram was now clicking over the wires, and we were shortly en route, across the Hoboken meadows, through Newark, and then up the heavy grade, past Roseville, Watsessing and Bloomfield, to the romantic Glen Ridge station, wondering what beauty must be above those pretty vine-clad rocks; but a jerk, a puff, and the unwilling engine, loth to leave so charming a spot, labored away until it quite recovered itself, and sped on its three-minute run to Montclair. It did not take us long to discover the face of our friend, radiant with welcome, who, true to her noted hospitality, had made preparation to take us on a good long drive, so that we might see the picturesque environments of her home. Montclair is too well known for me to particularize its lovely features, but as a local writer once said, "it hangs like a bird's nest on the mountain side," and it certainly does form a lovely terminus for these twelve miles of railroad.

After a refreshing rest and luncheon, our hostess proposed that we should accompany her to the "Hospital," as it was her week to provide delicacies, and no doubt we would be interested in seeing the result of the year's work. "What a hospital in this health-giving place!" we exclaimed, "why I should not think you would have a patient." "Oh, you would be surprised were you to know how full the wards have been, indeed, I can never forget the sight I saw the other day, when crossing the bridge just below the hospital. I saw two men who were slowly coming up the hill, supporting between them, a fainting, blood-stained comrade, who had met with a frightful accident, and when they reached the building, no permanent shelter could be given, for there was no vacant bed." A quick dash away of the falling tears, and a heroic summoning of resolution to forget the scene which she was powerless to help, and to bend her energies to do present and available duties, we, with our dainty burdens of flowers, fruit and other delicacies, drew up in front of the modest, unpretentious building, possessing nothing in its outside appearance or its immediate surroundings to recommend it to the artistic eye; but those who can see its future, look right through to the beautiful plot of ground beyond, which stands in the name of the Mountainside Hospital, and in imagination see the building soon to be placed there, whose capacity will only be limited as help is withheld.

But our business is with the present one, and passing through the portal, over which the beautiful name of the hospital hangs in large, bold lettering, we almost felt its breezy, rare and life-giving influences. Nor were our feelings disappointed on entering, for just emerging from the women's ward on the left, was the matron, who in fresh blue and white seersucker dress and spotless cap and apron, seemed almost tempting enough for us to induce an attack of illness, that we might receive her ministry. The immaculate cleanliness of the wards, as we passed through, was marvelous, and we could hardly believe that any repulsive cases of disease had occupied these beds, but so it was in one case, for no one is ever turned away from this hospital, but for need of room. Our pretty flowers proved to be coals for Newcastle, as the King's Daughters had been distributing the Father's gifts, which had breathed their first fragrance to them on Easter day, and now doubly hallowed, had come to his stricken servants. Wending one's way through the hall, we reached the dining-room, also redolent with flower perfume, and our attention was directed to a man who was busy packing away a huge piece of ice amid the viands and delicacies provided by friends of the hospital. It is the custom for the committee on this affair to solicit from the ladies, a weekly contribution of dainties, which in no other way could be obtained. I am told that the response is more than cordial, and that there are now on the list of willing friends, the

number fifty, which will increase to hundreds, when once the appeal goes forth. All that would tempt the appetite, and cheer the sick is included in these Saturday offerings. The ice which we saw being stored away in such profusion is the voluntary gift of Mr. William Freeman of Bloomfield, who never forgets his daily offering. We could not refrain from remarking how appropriate his name is.

Time was fast flying, and we took a hurried peep into the men's ward, which contained the "Pride of the Hospital," a colored man who under the skill of the medical staff, has survived several of the most delicate and dangerous operations in surgery. From what my friend told me, I should think there had been so many "Frides" that it would have been difficult to select one particular one, but this Sam Olden as they familiarly call him, chanced to be the one.

Last, but not least, was the children's ward, with its three little snowy white beds, all ready for their work of mercy. At the side of us was a chubby, rollicking urchin, putting a hobby horse to the full height of speed, and merrily cracking his whip. I do not wonder that he was jubilant, for now instead of an ugly growth on the neck, impeding his motions, and injuring his appearance there only remained a slight scar to mark the place. A few little children, whose sympathies have been excited for their unfortunate brothers and sisters, have worked very hard with their entertainments, and have succeeded in obtaining a bank account to the extent of fifty-four dollars, to be applied to the children's ward in the new hospital.

Evening shadows warned us to prepare for home, and with an *au revoir*, we passed out into the world again, with more compassion in our hearts than ever before; hoping that this hospital, which was born of the pity for a little suffering one, should still farther extend its arms, upheld by the sympathy and material aid of the public. So passed a day not always so happily ended in a hospital.

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